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Applicants : Martin A. Cheever and Mary L. Disis
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 For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS TO GENERATE IMMUNITY
 IN HUMANS AGAINST SELF TUMOR ANTIGENS BY
 IMMUNIZATION WITH HOMOLOGOUS FOREIGN PROTEINS



Examiner : Karen A. Canella, Ph.D.
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Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner:

Please find enclosed a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7-9 and 11-12 are pending in the subject application. As it is believed that these claims distinguish patentably over the citable prior art, no amendments to the claims are made herein.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants agree that PAP is not disclosed in U.S. Application No. 08/625,101 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,869,445). Therefore, in view of the pending claims, Applicants will not contest denial of priority from 08/625,101 for the presently pending claims. Nevertheless, with respect to the original claims in the subject application at the time of filing, Applicants neither agree with nor acquiesce to the denial of priority and expressly reserve the right to challenge in a related continuing application.